

Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheet of drawings include changes to FIG. 5. This sheet, which includes FIG. 4-5, replaces the original sheet including FIG. 4-5. FIG. 5 has been replaced with a new FIG. 5 which includes the distal end of the elongated support tube and which shows the longitudinal groove of the inner surface of the elongated support tube. No new matter is introduced with replacement FIG. 5 and support for the replacement figure may be found in paragraph [0013] of the specification as originally filed as well as the originally filed claims.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Specification

In the specification, paragraphs [0012] and [0013] have been amended to reflect the additions of replacement FIG. 5. No new matter is introduced and support for the amendments may be found in paragraph [0013] of the specification as originally filed as well as the originally filed claims.

In the Drawings

FIG. 5 has been replaced with a new FIG. 5 which includes the distal end of the elongated support tube and shows the longitudinal groove of the inner surface of the elongated support tube. No new matter is introduced with replacement FIG. 5 and support for the replacement figure may be found in paragraph [0013] of the specification as originally filed as well as the originally filed claims.

In the Claims

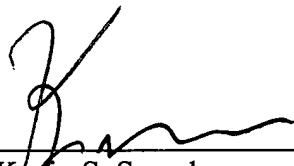
Examiner indicated claim 20 is allowable. In addition, Examiner indicated claims 4, 5, 14, and 15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 4. Applicant has rewritten claim 5 in independent form including all of the limitations of original base claim 1 and intervening original claim 3 and submits such as new claim 21. New claims 22 and 23 are also believed to be in condition for allowance by virtue of their dependence from claim 21.

Applicant has also amended claim 10 to include the limitations of claim 14. Applicant has rewritten claim 15 in independent form including all of the limitations of original base claim 10 and submits such as new claim 24. New claims 25, 26, 27 and 28 are also believed to be in condition for allowance by virtue of their dependence from claim 24.

New claims 29 and 30 are also submitted. Applicant submits that none of the prior art of record discloses or suggests the combination of elements claimed in claims 29 and 30.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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